

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application.

Claims 15-19, 21-23, and 26-28 are allowed.

Claims 3-12 and 25 are objected to as dependent from a rejected base claim.

New claims 29-38 are added herein.

### **In the Claims:**

Claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 20, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by USPN 4,114,665 to Decker (hereinafter "Decker '665").

#### **Regarding Apparatus Claims 1, 2, 14, and 20**

Independent apparatus claims 1, 2, 14, and 20 are amended herein to require "a sanding frame adaptable for supporting the sander during movement of the sander over a workpiece." This amended limitation clearly requires a sanding frame like that described in Specification paragraphs 0001-0003, which is a well known sander frame that can be mounted to the sander and moves with the sander during its normal use as a portable tool that is moved over (that is relative to) a stationary wood workpiece. The large table in Decker '665 is not "adaptable for supporting the sander during movement of the sander over a workpiece." When mounted in the Decker '665 "woodworking bench", the sander is immovable and the wood workpiece must be moved relative to the abrasive surface of the sander. Thus, Decker does not teach or suggest "a sanding frame adaptable for supporting the sander during movement of the sander over a workpiece."

#### **Regarding Method Claims 13 and 24**

Independent method claims 13 and 24 are amended herein to require the provision of a "sander frame adaptable for supporting the sander during movement of the sander over a workpiece." As discussed immediately above, Decker '665 does not teach or suggest a "sander frame" that supports and moves with the sander "during movement of the sander over a workpiece." Rather, Decker is a workbench that can only hold a

sander stationary while a workpiece is brought to the sander and manipulated against the sander's abrasive surface.

New Claims 29-38

New claims 29-38 are added and depend from previously allowed independent claim 21. New claims 29-38 are essentially copies of dependent claims 3-12, which were previously indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application are hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



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